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ABSTRACT

Character education is the hinge upon which academic excellence, personal achievement, and true citizenship depend. This volume provides guidance for educators who wish to help children forge good character. Its seven chapters create a blueprint for integrating character education into the curriculum. Chapters include (1) "Character Education: What Is It and Why Is It Important?"; (2) "Views, Values, or Virtues?"; (3) "Building a Community of Virtue"; (4) "Cultivating Character through the Curriculum"; (5) "Engaging Parents in Character Education"; (6) "The Teacher's Work: Nurturing Character"; and (7) "Helping Students Take Command." Three groups of appendixes provide resources. Part 1, "Good Ideas," includes: "The Character Education Manifesto" (K. Ryan, K. E. Bohlin, J. Thayer); "A Seven-Point Program" (S. S. Tigner); "An Overview of the Virtues" (J. B. Stenson); "The Montclair Kimberly Academy Declaration" (P. Greer); "The Boston University Educators Affirmation" (S. S. Tigner); and "Character Quotes." Part 2, "Action Strategies" includes: "One Hundred Ways To Bring Character Education to Life"; "Pitfalls To Avoid in Character Education"; and "Ten Commandments for Parents." Part 3, "Curriculum," includes: "Exemplary Moral Education Curricula"; "Sample Mini-Unit: 'Jonah and the Whale'"; "Sample Mini-Unit: 'Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes'"; and "Sample Mini-Unit: 'The Little Prince.'" (EMK)

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